FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open consultation chamber in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Safdarjung Hospital for providing special consultation in Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic thetapy; and

(b) by when Government propose to start these facilities in these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Report in the British Medical Journal about Children's Medicines

3919. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a report published in British Medical Journal it has been stated that a recent study revealed about 80% of children's oral medicines were produced as liquids, although generally tablets may be used effectively in children;

(b) whether Government have examined the study report; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A limited survey was carried out by a Medical College in Karnataka State covering a few pharmacies.

(c) Paediatric formulations are prefered because of their easy administration. Different Pharmacopoeias also monograph paediatric formulations mostly in liquid dosage form. In view of this Government do not propose taking any step in this regard.

Proposal to bring Doctors within the purview of the Consumer protection Act

3920. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring Doctors within the purview of the Consumer Protection Act since they provide a service;

(b) whether Government have received representation/suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) All services including services rendered by Doctors which are availed of for consideration are already covered under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Target for Family Planning

3921. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set by the States for much talked family planning during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any new scheme so as to encourage family planning among the people of the country: and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan has set the following goals:

(1) Crude Birth Rate
(per thousand population) 26

(2) Infant Mortality Rate
(per thousand live births) 70

(b) and (c) An Action Plan is under implementation. It includes a differntial approach to poor performing areas, innovative approaches in IEC activities, greater involvement of NGOs, active community participation, improved mother and child health care, etc.

Appointment of Homoeopathic Pharmacists

3922. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated any panel for the appointment of Homoeopathic Pharmacists in July-August, 1984;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the persons who have been appointed so far; and

(c) what is te name of the last person whose name is in the panel for appointment and by when Government propose to absorb all the remaining candidates for appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (e) The following persons were on the panel for the year 1984:—

1. Shri Rajesh Kumar
2. ShriPrahalad
3. Kumari Kiran
4. Shri Ashok Kumar

While the persons at SI. No. 1—3havebeen appointed, Shri Ashok Kumar, the last person on the panel, cannot be appointed as the panel of 1984 cannot be operated new under the rules.

Landing of Arm and Ammunitions at Colaba, Bombay

3923. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a press report published in the" Sunday Observer" dated 24thJuly, 1994, to the effect that scouts of three militant groups acting under instructions from ISI have decided to set up an independent hideout, safe houses and escape routes for routing arms and ammunitions in Bombay and to other parts of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that intelligence reports have confirmed landing of arms and ammunitions at Colaba, Bombay, by smugglers working for ISI; and

(c) if so, what action Government have already taken or propose to take to check destructive activities in Bombay and their spread to other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security to Scientists

3924. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of US plans to kidnap and/or hurt scientists in developing countries, to prevent their technological advance as reported in "The Pioneer" of 11th July, 1994; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken necessary security steps to protect the life and limb of our scientists and technologist in key positions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The newspaper report has been seen. The Government is not aware of any such plans.

(b) "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects and as such it is primarly the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration to provide security to the persons residing within their jurisdiction. Based on threat assessment, our scientists posted in sensititve organisation have been provided security.

Full Statehood to Delhi

3925. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Delhi has requested for full statehood to Delhi to help provide its citizens a clean, corruption free, competent administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?